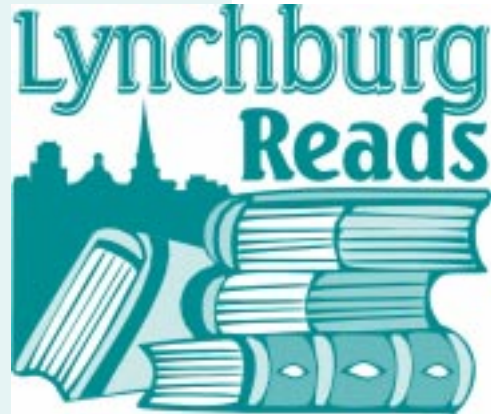




More on Lynchburg Reads

The following *Letter to the Editor* appeared in the July 6, 2002 issue of the News and Advance:



The **Lynchburg Reads** coordinating committee would like to thank everyone who made the first annual "Lynchburg Reads" program a success. John Steinbeck's classic, *Of Mice and Men*, proved a popular choice. The Lynchburg Public Library's copies of the book, video and audio-tapes circulated at least

360 times and local bookstores reported sales of 425 copies of the book, all in just 2 months! Over 150 people attended book and movie viewing/discussions and a lecture by Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, Director of the Steinbeck Center at San Jose State University; all of these programs included audience discussion of the book's classic themes of friendship, loneliness, and the quest for the American Dream. And, 375 people enjoyed an excellent dramatic presentation by the students of the E. C. Glass Drama theatre department.

This was truly a community effort. We would like to thank the local bookstores for their support: Barnes & Noble, Bookends, Givens, Inklings, the Bookshop on the Avenue and the

Macon Bookstore. Barnes & Noble and Bookends also hosted adult book discussions. With one of the program's goals aimed at involving our community's youth, Givens Bookstore sponsored a teen book discussion that drew 20, while 30 Westminster-Canterbury seniors were joined by nine VES students for their book discussion. Thanks are also due the members of coordinating committee: Kim Carey, Lloyd and Elizabeth Lipscomb, Ellen Nygaard and several public library staff. We are grateful to the News and Advance, other print media and to local television and radio stations for helping to promote "Lynchburg Reads," and to Jim Ackley of the E.C. Glass High School theater department for providing citizens with yet another way to experience *Of Mice and Men*. Dr. Shillinglaw's talk was made possible by a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

Next year's "Lynchburg Reads" is already in the planning stages. We encourage readers to recommend books for consideration and to offer any other suggestions on how to make the second annual "Lynchburg Reads" better than the first. Stop in at either of the Lynchburg Public Library locations, call the Main Library at 847-1566, or post a message on the library web site – www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary

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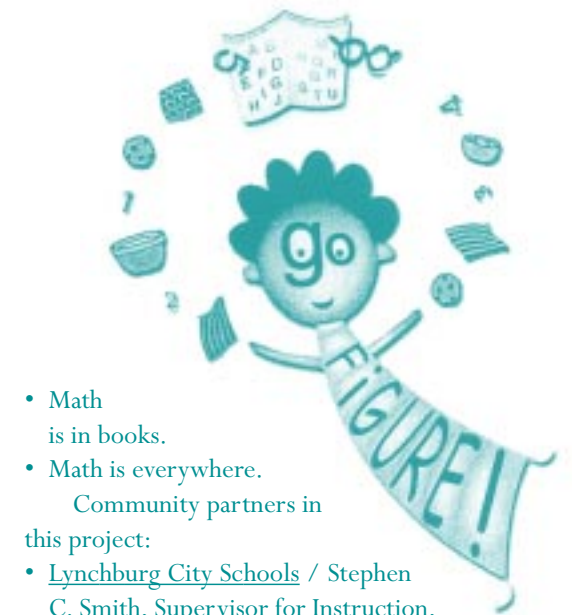
The **Go Figure!** Minnesota Children's Museum/ American Library Association travelling exhibition will be on display at the Lynchburg Public Library from October 10 through November 18, 2002. Sponsored by 3M and Carill, the exhibit features the books *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Doorbell Rang*, *The Quilt*, *Frog and Toad* and *Arthur's Pet Business*.

The primary goals of the *Go Figure!* exhibit are:

- To provide irresistible environments inspired by books that entice children from ages two to seven and adults to engage in math play.
- To help adults become aware of young children's readiness to learn math and inspire them to become partners in children's math learning.
- To promote books, libraries and family reading as tools for children from ages two to seven to learn math.

The messages *Go Figure!* developers would like children and adults to take away from the exhibit are:

- Math is more than numbers.
- I can help my child learn math.



- Math is in books.
- Math is everywhere.

Community partners in this project:

- Lynchburg City Schools / Stephen C. Smith, Supervisor for Instruction, Mathematics and Susan White, Supervisor for Instruction, Libraries.
- Lynchburg College in Virginia / Thomas W. Seaman, Ph.D., Director

For more information about this program, please call the Youth Services Department at 847-1717.

Lorry Risinger –Youth Services Coordinator

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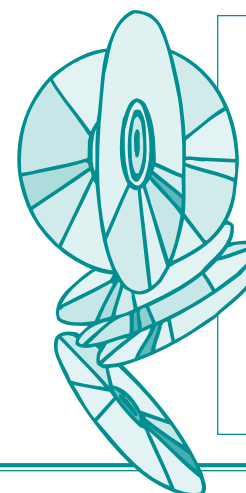
LIBRARY HOURS Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch
Mon. – Fri. – 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

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Music CD's @ your library™

We have recently added a collection of adult music CD's. They range from Classical music to Jazz to Country. The checkout period for music CD's is three weeks. We accept donations to our CD collection! If you have any CD's that you would like to donate to us, please bring them in and give them to an employee at the circulation desk. **Donations to the library are tax-deductible.**



Children's Fall Storytimes

Registration begins Tuesday, September 3rd.

Registration must be done in person.

Storytime programs begin, Monday, September 16th.

Please call 847-1717 for more information.

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services Coordinator

What Makes a Book Appealing to You?

Do any of these describe the type of book you'd like to read? Taken from reviews of recent bestsellers, these phrases attempt to illuminate the "appeal," or flavor, of a particular book. Appeal goes deeper than the subject matter of the book – it is the character and the presentation of the story, and has probably a greater effect on the reader's ultimate enjoyment of the book. Based on things like language, characterization, and plot development, appeal is frequently how you describe the book when you talk about it with others.

Looking at various genres might help to illustrate appeal. If you are in the mood for mystery stories in which the crime takes place offstage and where sex or violence are only implied (the "cozies"), you probably would not like the graphic depictions in hardboiled mysteries. If you enjoy passionate romances, you might not find the spiritual themes of inspirational romance to your taste. If you enjoyed a thriller in

- **"From the outstanding opening chapter, the fast pace never stops."**
- **"Long on plot, short on subtlety of character, but good fun."**
- **"Heir in scope and spirit to the great nineteenth-century novelists."**
- **"Ferociously detailed, gratifyingly mind-expanding, and daringly complex and unhurried."**
- **"Quirky characters and hilarious dialog... [a] thoroughly entertaining novel."**

which you can see the conflict from both sides, you might not want one where the villain is concealed until the end. And if you like the "can't put it down" variety in any genre, you may not enjoy characters whose lives are revealed in small ways in the midst of a meandering plot.

The next time you really enjoy a book, take a moment along the way to examine its appeal factors. Listen to how you describe it when you suggest it to other readers. Remember how it made you feel or think. When you are looking for another book that recaptures that experience, you can use those terms as a starting place.

If you want to find an enjoyable book with certain appeal factors, or just want to talk books, ask a librarian. Keep on reading!

This article, written by Andrew Smith of the Williamsburg Regional Library, originally appeared in that library's newsletter. We thank him for permission to include it here.

Kindergarten Kick-Off! @ your library™

The Kindergarten Kick-Off program will be presented on **Tuesday, August 13** at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and again on **Thursday, August 15** at 10:00 a.m. All children going to kindergarten this fall are invited to attend this special storytime designed to help them gain an understanding of how much fun school is going to be.

This program will answer questions such as:

- **When** do I have to start school?
- **Why** do I have to go?
- **Who** else is going to kindergarten?
- **What** can I bring with me?
- **Where** will I put my things?
- **How** do I get there?

Parents are invited to attend with their future kindergartners. Besides stories and songs, there will be a guest speaker who is a real life kindergarten teacher! Registration is not necessary.

For more information about this program, please call the Youth Services Department at 847-1717.



Lorry Risinger, Youth Services Coordinator

New Copiers @ your library™

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, the Main Library has two new self-service digital Ricoh photocopiers for our patrons' convenience. Both machines have three sizes of paper to choose from – letter, legal, and 11x17. Also, the copiers have enlargement and reduction capabilities ranging from 25 to 400%. Another great feature is the "auto paper select" – just lay your paper face down on the glass and the copier knows which size paper to use! Best of all, copy quality is much improved, the cost is still 10 cents per copy, and a profit of about \$1500 per year will be earned by the Friends of the Library.

Ona Turner Dowdy,
Circulation Supervisor

Summer Volunteers @ your library™

This summer fifty teenagers are volunteering at Lynchburg Public Library. Twenty teens are helping with the Summer Reading Program in Youth Services including Rebecca Milam, Morgan Vance and Julie Daniel who have volunteered the past 4 summers.

Returning for a second summer are Marcia Bennett in the computer lab, Allison Lang at the Downtown Branch, Anthony Meeks in Technical Services, Seulki Moon, Cathy Patterson, Jamie Perry, Cheryn Rapp, and Elena Stern in Youth Services.

Ten teens are assisting patrons during classes in the Computer Lab and fifteen students

are conducting inventory. Other teens are working for Technical Services, the Downtown Branch, Adult Services, Outreach, and video cleaning for Circulation.

Our teenage volunteers are always enthusiastic about working in the library and truly are a great resource. We could not offer the extensive programs that we do each summer without their assistance. Also this summer, we hope to complete an inventory of the library's 150,000 item collection by the end of summer vacation, thanks to our teen volunteers.

Chris Verilla – Volunteer Coordinator

More Movies @ your library™

Due to the positive response to our summer movie series, library volunteer Doug Small has agreed to organize two more movie series for fall. **Musical Matinees** will feature old-time favorites and **The Immigrant Experience** will feature films about immigrants of many nations. For more information, call 847-1566. You may also pick up a brochure with movie descriptions at either library.

Musical Matinees – 2:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 11 – The Music Man
Wed., Sep. 25 – Fiddler on the Roof
Wed., Oct. 2 – My Fair Lady
Wed. Oct. 23 – Damn Yankees
Wed., Nov. 20 – South Pacific
Wed., Dec. 4 – Oklahoma
Tues., Dec. 10 – Funny Girl

The Immigrant Experience – 7:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 11 – Across the Sea of Time
Wed., Oct. 2 – America, America
Wed., Oct 23 – Journey of Hope
Wed., Nov. 6 – Heaven and Earth
Wed., Dec. 4 – Time of the Gypsies
Tues., Dec. 10 – East is East

Tax Help @ your library™

Once again, library patrons made use of the numerous tax forms that are available at the library, as well as the assistance of the AARP volunteers. A total of 11,500 state forms and 4,500 state instruction booklets, and 23,450 Federal forms and 4,750 Federal instruction booklets were supplied directly, and reference staff assisted many individuals in obtaining less-frequently used forms and out-of-state forms.

The AARP provided tax assistance two days a week at the main library and two days a week at the downtown branch from the beginning of February until April 15 (a total of 20 days at the branch and 22 days at the main library). This year AARP volunteers were able to help patrons file their taxes electronically by using a special software program installed on the computers in the Gates computer lab.

Read and Rescue! @ your library™

For the third year in a row, The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust (GLCT) has approved a grant to support our teen summer reading program. Middle and high school students are asked to come by and pick up a Read and Rescue reading log at the library and list five titles that they read during the summer. The logs must be returned before September 13. In turn, the GLCT will give the Lynchburg Humane Society \$1.00 for each book listed on the reading logs. Our goal is to raise \$1000.00. Come on by and get your Read and Rescue reading log and check out some "dog-gone" good books that are "purr-fect" for the summer.

For more information about this program, please call the Youth Services Department at 847-1717.

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services Coordinator



Books for Sale @ your library™

Patrons of the Main Library know that there is a shelf of books for sale near the front of the library. The Downtown Branch Library now has a book sale table as well. Books, magazines, etc. are available for same prices charged at the Main Library:

Hardbacks \$.50
Paperbacks \$.25
or 5 for \$1.00
Magazines \$.10
Records/Tapes \$.50
Videos \$1.00